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Smokejumper Obituary

Walters, Thomas "Jerry" (Missoula 1966)

Jerry, 24, died May 27, 1968, in Quang Tri Province, Vietnam. He attended the University of Southern Mississippi after earning an Associate's degree from Jones County Junior College in 1963. He jumped from Missoula in 1966 before joining the Marines later that year, earning the rank of corporal after serving in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, before being assigned to the Demilitarized Zone in Vietnam in December 1967. Jerry, a rifleman, died from small-arms fire on the ground in combat while serving with E Company, 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines, 3rd Division, III Marine Amphibious Corps. Even though 40+ years late, we're printing this obit in response to information sent in after the October 2011 issue of Smokejumper magazine. (Ed.)

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